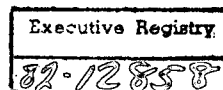


The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505



MEMORANDUM FOR: Members, Senior Interagency Group (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Quarterly Review of DCID 1/2 Priorities

1. Attached are working aids required to assist you in the quarterly review of DCID 1/2 priorities mandated by the SIG(I) at its 31 August meeting. The SIG(I) committee will conduct its initial review (quarterly) of intelligence priorities on 15 December.

2. Our task, I believe, is to ensure that relative priorities accorded the myriad information requirements levied on the Intelligence Community give appropriate weight to those countries and issues most likely to impact on US interests and policy concerns in the next year and beyond. Therefore, I propose to focus our review on identification of key issues and trends rather than on adjusting individual priority assignments. Such adjustments will be made by the DCID 1/2 Committee on the basis of our guidance.

3. Attachment A is an overview designed to facilitate broad comparison of priority assignments among regions, countries, and requirements subcategories. Attachment B contains the complete range of current DCID 1/2 priorities assignments, as well as topic definitions and other background information. The overview display was derived from the master priorities matrix in Attachment B, and is identically structured for ready cross-referencing. Attachment C is a summary of priority revisions made during the past six months intended to give you some insight into how priority assignments have been evolving.

4. Our review should have two major elements. First, it should ascertain whether the requirements and countries that we believe will be of key importance in the time frame under consideration are being accorded appropriate priority appropriate to that concern. Second, it needs to ensure that these priorities are also appropriate relative to other requirements and countries. In this regard, we should identify priority assignments which reflect requirements no longer as critical as they once were, either in an absolute sense or relative to newly developed intelligence needs. Where found, these should occasion proposals for reduced priority.

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5. I would consider it sufficient to conduct the review at the level of specificity reflected in Attachment A. However, you are being provided the full range of priorities data which may be addressed at any aspect and level of detail you choose. Resulting proposals to raise or lower priorities should be accompanied by substantive justification or rationale. Please submit proposals to [redacted] SIG(I) Executive Secretary, BW09 Community Headquarters Building, by 19 November. Committee inputs will be collated and an integrated working paper provided you in early December for use at the meeting on the 15th. [redacted] Chairman of the DCID 1/2 Committee [redacted], may be contacted for any assistance required in the interim.

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Attachments:

- A. Characterization of Priorities
- B. US Foreign Intelligence Requirements Categories and Priorities
- C. Summary of Priority Revisions

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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Chairman, DCID 1/2 Committee

SUBJECT: SIG(I) Committee Review of DCID 1/2 Priorities

1. Attached for your review is the information package for the SIG(I) Committee reviewers and a cover letter for your signature. The package has been coordinated with the IPC Staff and will be disseminated by the SIG(I) Executive Secretary.

2. I propose to ask the DCID 1/2 Committee to comment on the priority change proposals received from SIG(I) Committee reviewers in mid-November. This input will be included in the material we put together to help you prepare for the 15 December meeting, and is intended to make you aware of any substantive issues the Community might raise.

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